

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A roof opening system for automotive vehicles, comprising at least one at least partly transparent vehicle cover and at least one shade element, wherein an electric drive associated with the at least one of said partly transparent vehicle cover covers and at least one shade element are each movable independently of each other over a roof opening area provided in the vehicle.
2. (Previously amended) The roof opening system according to claim 1, wherein the movements of the at least one vehicle cover and the at least one shade element take place relative to at least one rigid guide element.
3. (Previously amended) The roof opening system according to claim 2, wherein the at least one vehicle cover is movable along the at least one rigid guide element or is pivotable relative to the at least one rigid guide element.
4. (Previously amended) The roof opening system according to claim 1, wherein the electric drive for opening and closing the at least one vehicle cover and the at least one shade element has only one respective direction of rotation and effects a linear movement of at least one drive element by means of a drive cable.
5. (Previously amended) The roof opening system according to claim 4, wherein the at least one drive element is configured such that it performs exactly three respective coupling and/or locking operations for the opening or closing action.
6. (Previously amended) The roof opening system according to claim 1, wherein the at least one shade element comprises at least one shade guide.

7. (Previously amended) The roof opening system according to claim 6, wherein the shade guide is configured to be lockable in the rigid guide element and coupleable to at least one drive element.
8. (Previously amended) The roof opening system according to claim, wherein an area of the front edge of the vehicle cover of the at least one vehicle cover is movably supported in at least one rigid guide element by means of at least one vehicle-cover movable bearing.
9. (Previously amended) The roof opening system according to claim 1, wherein the at least one vehicle cover comprises at least one detachable fixed bearing.
10. (Previously amended) The roof opening system according to claim 9, wherein at least one control rod is rotatably supported in the at least one fixed bearing of the at least one vehicle cover, said fixed bearing being detachable in the rigid guide element.
11. (Previously amended) The roof opening system according to claim 10, wherein the at least one control rod is rotatably supported in at least one vehicle-cover locking element.
12. (Previously amended) The roof opening system according to claim 11, wherein the at least one vehicle-cover locking element is configured to be lockable in the at least one rigid guide element and coupleable with the at least one drive element.
13. (Previously amended) The roof opening system according to claim 10, further comprising a vehicle-cover control element the at least one control rod and the at least one vehicle-cover control element are configured such that they engage each other in form-fit fashion.

14. (Previously amended) The roof opening system according to claim 13, wherein the at least one vehicle-cover control element is slidably supported in the at least one rigid guide element.
15. (Previously amended) The roof opening system according to claim 13, wherein the at least one vehicle-cover control element is configured to be lockable in the at least one rigid guide element and coupleable with the at least one drive element.
16. (Previously amended) The roof opening system according to claim 13, wherein the at least one vehicle-cover control element comprises the at least one control path.
17. (Previously amended) The roof opening system according to claim 13, wherein the at least one control rod comprises at least one control path.
18. (Previously amended) The roof opening system according to claim 1, wherein the at least one drive element is moved by the one electric drive along the at least one rigid guide element.
19. (Previously amended) The roof opening system according to claim 13, wherein the at least one drive element is configured such that it interacts by way of coupling and decoupling with the at least one shade guide, at least the one vehicle-cover control element and the at least one vehicle-cover locking element.
20. (Previously amended) The roof opening system according to claim 1, wherein exactly two coupling and/or locking operations are required for a respective movement cycle opening or closing of the at least one vehicle cover and/or at least one shade element.
21. (Previously amended) The roof opening system according to claim 20, wherein the shade guide (5c) is configured to be lockable in the rigid guide element and coupleable with at least one drive element (16).

22. (Previously amended) The roof opening system according to claim 20, wherein the at least one vehicle cover is connected to at least one vehicle-cover connection element.

23. (Previously amended) The roof opening system according to claim 20, wherein at least one path element is guided in the at least one rigid guide element.

24. (Previously amended) The roof opening system according to claim 23, wherein at least one vehicle-cover locking element is part of the at least one path element.

25. (Previously amended) The roof opening system according to claim 23, wherein the at least one path element comprises at least one cover movement path.

26. (Previously amended) The roof opening system according to claim 24, wherein the at least one vehicle-cover locking element is configured to be lockable in the at least one rigid guide element.

27. (Previously amended) The roof opening system according to claim 24, wherein the at least one vehicle-cover locking element is configured to be coupleable with the at least one drive element.

28. (Previously amended) The roof opening system according to claim 22, wherein at least one vehicle-cover connection element is guided in form-fit fashion with at least one slide bolt and at least one control bolt in the at least one cover movement path.

29. (Previously amended) The roof opening system according to claim 28, wherein the at least one control bolt is guided in form-fit fashion in the at least one rigid guide element and in at least one cover control path.